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SUBJ: DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST USAID FACILITIES CONTINUE

REF: A) VIENTIANE 3573

B) VIENTIANE 3579

1. AS OF 1600 HOURS LOCAL TIME MAY 22, DEMONSTRATIONS AT
VARIOUS USAID FACILITIES IN AND ABOUT VIENTIANE CONTINUE
ALTHOUGH ACTIVITY AT USAID NA HAI DIAO COMPOUND, THE PRINCIPAL
SITE, APPEARS TO BE DISSIPATING SOMEWHAT. TWO ADDITIONAL
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USAID WAREHOUSES -- MEDICAL WAREHOUSE NEAR OPERATION BROTHER-

HOOD HOSPITAL AND "KIM SUA" WAREHOUSE BEYOND NA HAI DIAO
WERE BOTH ENTERED AT GUNPOINT ACCORDING TO CONTRACT GUARD
FORCE OFFICIAL BY PATHET LAO TROOPS AT APPROXIMATELY 2300
HOURS MAY 21. THREE PL GUARDS HAVE REMAINED AT SECOND WARE-
HOUSE ALTHOUGH PL ARE NO LONGER PRESENT AT MEDICAL WAREHOUSE.
IN ADDITION, ENTRY TO CONTINENTAL AIR SERVICES, INC.
(CASI) COMPOUND ON ROAD TO WATTAY AIRPORT WAS BLOCKED
TEMPORARILY BY SMALL NUMBER OF PL SOLDIERS DURING EARLY
MORNING HOURS MAY 22.

2. USAID EMPLOYEES GROUP PROTEST DEMO: AT 0910 LOCAL
TIME MAY 22 SEVERAL REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL EMPLOYEES";#W\$>6DJ(0.KDFE!/(8E,KFRFE
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8. DEMONSTRATORS CALL ON PM AND FONMIN: ACCORDING TO JCCIA VICE PRESIDENT (VS) DR. KITHONG VONGSAY, A GROUP OF THREE STUDENT LEADERS, LED BY KHAMSAI SOURINTHONG (IN SANDALS), CALLED ON PRIME MINISTER, DURING LATE MORNING HOURS OF MAY 22. REPORTEDLY SOUVANNA TRIED TO COOL THEM OFF; HE SUGGESTED THAT THE DEMONSTRATORS VACATE THE USAID COMPOUND SO THAT HE COULD NEGOTIATE WITH THE U.S. THE STUDENTS REFUSED AND INSISTED ON RECEIVING WRITTEN ASSURANCES THAT THE U.S. WILL DISESTABLISH USAID AND PAY SEVERANCE PAY TO LOCAL EMPLOYEES IN DOLLARS. AFTER AN HOUR OF DISCUSSION WITH THE STUDENT REPS IN THE PRESENCE OF SOUKAN, SOTH AND MAHA KOU, SOUVANNA, WHO WAS ANGRY WITH THEM, SUGGESTED THAT THEY CALL ON PHOUMI. APPARENTLY PHOUMI HAD SAME DIFFICULTY COMMUNICATING TO THEM THE NEED FOR PROTESTORS TO VACATE U.S. PROPERTY SO THAT GOVERN-
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MENT CAN ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH U.S. ON FUTURE OF USAID.

9. SITUATION AT KM-6 HOUSING COMPLEX: SITUATION AT MAIN GATE FLUCTUATED DURING NIGHT OF MAY 21 AND DAYLIGHT HOURS OF MAY 22, WITH ACCESS FIRST PERMITTED, THEN DENIED, THEN PERMITTED AGAIN. AT PRESENT ACCESS IS NOT PERMITTED. VEHICLES ALLOWED INTO AND OUT OF KM-6 EARLIER WERE SUBJECTED TO CLOSE SEARCH BY ARMED REPRESENTATIVES OF JOINT MILITARY PROTECTIVE FORCE. SECURITY OFFICER, WHO IS ON DIPLOMATIC LIST, HAD HIS CAR STOPPED AT GATE AND WAS FORCED TO GET OUT WHILE SOLDIERS SEARCHED CAR. THEY EVEN DISASSEMBLED HIS AIR FILTER TO CHECK FOR CONTRABAND. DURING AFTERNOON CALL ON JCCIA REP PHAO BOUNNAPHOL (LPF) EMBOFF FORMALLY PROTESTED THESE ACTIONS AS VIOLATIONS OF VIENNA CONVENTION. HE ALSO MENTIONED INTRUSIONS AT NA HAI DIAO COMPOUND AND KM-9 AND HOUSE ARREST OF USAID EMPLOYEES AT SAVANNAKHET, (CHARGE'S AFTERNOON MEETING WITH FON MIN BEING REPORTED SEPTEL.)

10. NA HAI DIAO COMPOUND CROWD DWINDLING: AT USAID HEAD-

QUARTERS IT HAS BEEN A RELATIVELY QUIET DAY, PERHAPS BECAUSE LEADERS WERE OFF TALKING WITH SOUVANNA AND PHOUMI. DURING EARLY AFTERNOON FOUR TRUCKS JAMMED WITH DEMONSTRATORS LEFT THE COMPOUND REPORTEDLY DESTINED FOR DONG DOK SCHOOL AT KM-9, WATTAY AIRPORT, AND DOWNTOWN AREA. IT APPEARED THAT SOME OF THOSE WHO STAYED BEHIND TRIED TO DELAY DEPARTURE OF TRUCKS. AT PRESENT TIME IT APPEARS THAT GROUP AT NA HAI DIAO HAS DWINDLED TO HARD CORE OF PERHAPS 50 PERSONS. THOSE WHO REMAIN HAVE THREATENED

OVER RADIO NET TO KILL THE MARINE GUARD ON DUTY IN THE
USAID BUILDING BEFORE THEY LEAVE. WHEN TRUCK MOVED INTO
POSITION, APPARENTLY TO ATTEMPT BREAK-IN, EMBOFF URGENTLY
ASKED COLONEL PHAO OVER PHONE TO VISIT SITE AND ASSURE
SAFETY OF MARINE IN QUESTION; PHAO APPEARED TO TAKE
THREAT SERIOUSLY AND PROMISED TO GO TO NA HAI DIAO IMMEDI-
ATELY. AT LAST REPORT EFFORTS TO PENETRATE HAD APPARENTLY
CEASED.

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11. KM-9 QUIET: USAID WAREHOUSE AT KM-9 REMAINS IN HANDS
OF SOME TWENTY PL AND STUDENTS FROM DONG DOK. STUDENTS ARE
NOT FRIENDLY AND ACCESS IS STILL BEING DENIED TO AMERICAN
MISSION PERSONNEL. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF DAMAGE TO
U.S. PROPERTY AT THAT LOCATION.
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